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**RAJYA SABHA**

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th December, 1954:—

BILL No. XXV OF 1954

*A Bill further to amend the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

**1. Short title.**—This Act may be called the Imports and Exports (Control) Amendment Act, 1954.

**2. Amendment of section 1, Act XVIII of 1947.**—In section 1 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—

(a) in sub-section (2), the words “except the State of Jammu and Kashmir” shall be omitted; and

(b) in sub-section (3), for the figures “1955”, the figures “1960” shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment of section 2, Act XVIII of 1947.**—In section 2 of the principal Act, clause (d) shall be omitted.

**4. Amendment of section 4A, Act XVIII of 1947.**—In section 4A of the principal Act, for the words “in respect of any application for any licence, or the issue or renewal of any licence”, the words “in respect of any application or in respect of any licence granted or renewed” shall be substituted.

**5. Amendment of section 5, Act XVIII of 1947.**—In section 5 of the principal Act, for the word “contravenes”, the words “contravenes, or attempts to contravene, or abets a contravention of,” shall be substituted.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947, will cease to have effect on the 31st March, 1955, from which date there will be no legislative sanction for the continuance of export and import controls.

2. The need for the Central Government to have legislative powers to control the foreign trade of the country is, however, as great today as it was in 1947. The balance of payments position, though slightly easier, will need to be watched closely and continuously to ensure the availability of foreign exchange for the purchase of goods required to sustain the rapid industrialisation envisaged in the Second Five-Year Plan. On the export side also, it will continue to be necessary to rely on export controls to safeguard the interests of the consumer in respect of items that are primarily required for home consumption.

3. The Bill seeks to continue by another 5 years, that is, upto 31st March, 1960, the powers at present enjoyed by the Central Government for the control and regulation of exports and imports. Advantage has been taken of this opportunity to—

(a) extend the Act to Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) amend section 4A in order to provide for the levy of a fee on all applications whether they be for the grant or renewal of licences or for the review of orders under the Act; and

(c) provide expressly for the punishment of abetments of and attempts at contravention of the provisions of the Act.

NEW DELHI;  
The 19th November, 1954.

T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI.

S. N. MUKERJEE,

Secretary.